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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new non-provisional  
applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

*Title of Invention***Methods And Compositions For Treating  
Hepatitis C Virus***Named Inventor(s)***Jean-Pierre Sommadossi and Paolo La Colla.***Attorney Docket***06171.IDX 1007 CON1***Express Mail Label No.***EV330778004US**16670 U.S. PTO  
06/20/03**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
*ADDRESS TO:* Mail Stop Patent Application  
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1.  Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification, Claims,  
and Abstract                      Total Pages 265
4.  Drawings                      Total Sheets 3
5. Oath or Declaration              Total Pages
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
    - (i)  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior  
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)  
and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence  
Submission (*if applicable, all necessary*)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  paper
  - c.  Statement verifying identity of above  
copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(when there is an assignee)
  - Power of Attorney by  
assignee
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
PTO-1449
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of IDS  
Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment 5 pp.
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
16.  Other: Request for Filing a Continuation  
Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) 2 pp.

17. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/864,078

Prior application information: Examiner: Howard Owens Group/Art Unit: 1623

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Continuation of Application No. 09/864,078  
Transmittal for Request of Filing Continuation Application dated June 20, 2003

## FEE TRANSMITTAL

This sheet accompanies a patent application transmittal for the following application:

Inventor(s): Jean-Pierre Sommadossi *et al.*

Filing Date: June 20, 2003

Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating Hepatitis C Virus

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Jean-Pierre Sommadossi, et al. )  
Serial No.: Unassigned )  
This is a Continuation of )  
U.S.S.N. 09/864,078 )  
Filed: May 23, 2001 )  
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)

Art Unit: 1623  
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request by Jean Pierre Sommadossi and Paola LaColla for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/864,078, filed on May 23, 2001, currently pending.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application U.S.S.N. 09/864,078 as originally filed on May 23, 2001. The application includes two hundred and sixty-five pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract and three pages of Formal Drawings. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application.

Jean Pierre Sommadossi has assigned his interest to Norvirio Pharmaceuticals Limited and Paola LaColla has assigned his interest to Universita Degli Studi Di Cagliari, which was recorded on September 13, 2001, at Reel 012162, Frame 0294. Norvirio Pharmaceuticals

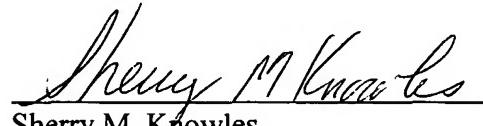
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Limited changed its name to Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc., which was recorded on August 19, 2002, at Reel 013193, Frame 0841. Please also note that Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., which was first formed and incorporated in the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands, has now accepted domestication pursuant to Section 388 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the United States of America. The Certification of Domestication Incorporation in Delaware was recorded on February 6, 2003, at Reel 013718, Frame 0543. A copy of the recorded assignments, the recordation of name change, and the recordation of certification of domestication are enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of the executed Declarations for Patent Application and Powers of Attorney.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Applicants request entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

Applicants enclose a check for \$750.00 to cover the filing fee. The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION FILING**

I hereby certify that this Request for filing a Continuation Application, Transmittal of Utility Patent Application, Utility Patent Application, and Fee Transmittal, along with any documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addresses" services under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV330778004US addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION; The Honorable Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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